# BOARD IS SURPRISED

Bankers' League Managers Discuss Recent Action.

CONDEMN PRESIDENT KENYON

mercial's Side of the Case-Amateur Commission to Wait.

By N. T. WORLEY.

Sunday, were of the opinion that the thing to say at a later date. protest of the American Security and Trust Company and the letter of President HOW I GOT MY START. Kenyon to the amateur commission were both unfair to the other teams of

the league, and the board of managers. The situation was summed up as follows by a prominent member of the "The American Security and board: of ball players. It can probably assemble college stars; it has employed two of the best trainers in the District to instruct and develop its material. Money has been no object, and it is a matter of unfavorfollowers of the league that this team has had more money spent on it than all of the other teams of the league com-

"I have read the protest of Manager Hayes, of the American Security and hand was crippled when I was a kid by Trust Company team, addressed to the amateur commission, which is decidedly misleading, in that it does not state the entire situation. I don't think the amateur commission will pay any attention to it, as the Bankers' League is a complete organization in itself, with a constitution, and, of course, the amatcur commission will accept a decision of the board of managers of the Bankers' League as to who is the winner for the year and also its rulings on matters relating to eligibility of players and other purely routine business

Postponed Games Must Be Played. "The board has already decided that the postponed games shall be played, and the schedule for these games appeared in yesterday's Washington Herald. The American Security and Trust Company team will have to play the games assigned to it or suffer the consequences. The latest move of the Trust Company

is, in the opinion of those managers I have talked with, not calculated to increase its popularity among the bank men of the city, and there are some in favor of leaving them out of the league next year. With reference to the request of the American Security and Trust to the amateur commission, that the games played by them with Washington Loan and Trust, and Commercial National, previously thrown out, should be restored to them, I would say that the representative from Riggs did not consider their getting it caught in a feed chopper. Trust so consider it, as both were pres-

"The American Security and Trust coming on Riggs players in the game of June 7 and 14 and their action was particularly unfair with reference to the game The Seay matter, as shown by the minutes, has been thoroughly discussed and finally decided by the board, which declared Mr. Seay to be eligible. It has not been shown that the National City Bank were seven small towns near by and we the Bienville people, in Sergt. Duval's fair. Don't you agree to that, Pierre?

board in any shape. No Grounds for Complaint.

"The complaint that the American Se curity and Trust and Washington Loan

ing was called the president agreed to in earnest. I read in a paper that pitch- they shook hands, as he arranged them call this meeting, which was only necessary by reason of the dilatory and eva- cided to pitch, although I never had tried Denise: sive actions of the trust company's manager when requested to informally agree Coxville one fall, and the next spring I some day." to postponement. The game with Balti- was boosted for a job with the Terre | The next morning Teni waked up with a game dear to the heart of every bank in acting as protector for a fat boy. His and sing like a blackbird had not the man in Washington, officers and clerks mother paid me 50 cents a week to keep regulations forbidden soldiers to sing alike. The Baltimore boys had gone to the other kids from licking him, and I like blackbirds while at their duties. But their guests, and to have disappointed that if no kid made a move at him I marched on the parade ground, gave them would stamp us as bankers abso-licked a couple anyhow to earn my him an unpleasant shock. There were hospitality. It should also be noted that money. the president of the local chapter addressed a letter to President Kenyon ask-Security and Trust game be postponed, but, in spite of its official character, he did not deem it of sufficient importance to read at the meeting of July 15. It was, however, by vote, included in the minutes. The schedule as originally made up early in the spring left July 16 open, but by reason of rain, a number of games were postponed, and when the schedule of postponed games was made this date was preparation of the new schedule.

"All things considered, the trust comerence to the postponement or any other | weakened and I was allowed to stay. plea in its letter to the commission."

curity and Trust, on the telephone, but ther action, and they will in all probability await action by the amateur commission.

take in the controversy, and he at first refused to discuss the matter. However, after the writer promised not to divulge his name, he loosened up and said as got to Chicago it was all right. follows:

"The amateur commission cannot take nine different leagues now playing under the rules of the commission. We have to accept the decision of the president of the league as to the winner in each of

"Each league elects its own officers, and to their relatives.

if they do not act properly or fail to carry out the will of the majority, the board of managers of the league has a right to remove them and elect others who will act in the right manner. We have received no letter from the board of managers of the Bankers' League, but notice from the story in The Washington Herald Sunday that a committee of three was appointed to draw up a letter to the commission, which will declare the action taken by President Kenyon, of the Bankers' League, an improper one. Until that letter is received, the matter will not Consensus of Opinion Is that He come before the commission, and what Overstepped His Authority-Promi- action the commission will take will denent Member of League States Com- pend entirely upon the contents of the letter from the board and the evidence submitted."

Members of the board of managers, of pany manager. Mr. Poole, beyond ex- and groom and the wedding party had a floor and wine and glasses on it. Toni the Bankers' League when seen yesterday pressing his indignation at the action of very gorgeous one in the middle, just by sat down, much against his will, and clusively in The Washington Herald on but inferred that he might have some in the sunshine. A little way off, in a which was vile, began to expatiate on

By MORDECAI BROWN,

When I was a boy I had a hard time. Trust Company has built up a crack team My poople were poor, and I was lucky tie which existed between them since to have one shoe and one rubber boot. three good teams from its own force. I started to work in the mines around are starting to kindegarten.

Just when I began playing ball I can't remember. It must have been when I able comment among the members and I always loved the game and played it impromptu speech of his own. every chance I got. I played on the dump at noon hours, throwing and catching a ball. The boys in the mine all liked me, because I was square and hon-



Mordecal Brown

resignation accepted, nor did the repres- Pretty soon, when I was about fourteen. entative from American Security and I began to get real wages in the mine pany did not do the square thing in tak- to keep the union records and make the of his family contingent. miners pay their dues each month.

a square deal by the board when it or- to check the coal in order to let me go but observe, however, that Toni was a greasy pack of cards and said: dered the game between American Se- away and play ball to win for the team. clean instead of being dirty, and Paul and Trust of July 16, postponed, and that not seem to get a fellow any place, and industrious as he had before been idle. only twenty-four hours' notice was given I saw men grow old and worn out and of the special meeting, is only partly scarcely save enough to bury them. It summer dusk with the bride and bridelooked to me as if I ought to cultivate groom starting on their wedding journey, my ability to play ball, and I set to work Toni was the last person with whom ers were the best paid players and de-

ing that the Washington and American had pitched but three games. I was de- to their duties. termined to make good, and the only way I knew how was to work my head off. Finally they cut the squad to three off duty, he went into the town to see pitchers. I wasn't pitching well, but kept Denise. After spending half an hour winning, and the miners all over the district were pulling for me. The choice inadvertently included, American Security decided to let me go. I was all ready to spend the hour that yet remained to him and Trust Company assisting in the go back to the mines when some fellows before he was obliged to turn in. The pany has no kick coming to it with ref- if I was released. The management pour. The street lamps shone fitfully out of

A representative of this paper tried to than I did there. I pitched every minget Mr. H. S. Reeside, of American Se- ute and watched the older pitchers work, learning from them. Also I started to was informed that he was out of the read and study and worked harder than city, It is not expected that the Fig- ever. Finally Omaha got me and I beteenth street bankers will take any fur- gan to be a real pitcher. I always wanted to make good for the sake of the boys in the mines, who had stuck with me all the way, and I always broke records at Omaha for number of games was asked what action that body would pitched. I worked so hard I hurt my arm, and when St. Louis got me I thought i was going back to the mines. I worked the arm around into shape, and when I

Everything I ever have accomplished has been due to hard work, and little up or settle any family fights among the else. I have a great love for baseball. and like to play the game. I realize I owe a lot to it, and I want to show it by working all I can.

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Irresponsible people are a great trouble

# THE SECRET OF TONI

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CHAPTER XVIII-Continued.

grove of elm trees, a table was set for the delights of liberty. the soldiers who had acted as the guard "This is a million times better," he only to Sergt, Duval who was the rank- bread and water for sneezing." Premier pitcher Chicago National League club, and considered by many judges the best pitcher the game has ever known.

Toni was the bridegroom's humble friend both of them richly deserved, but dared and everybody knew the closeness of the not. Then Nicolas began:

Several of the players are or have been | 1 started to work in the mines around | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are or have been | 1 converted to the players are o been written for him by Paul Verney private soldier." two weeks before, and he had spent the was a kid seven or eight years old, and at the end Toni suddenly burst into an sented by either Pierre or Nicolas, who

boyhood.

"The lieutenant," he said, "Is the best liars they were. lleutenant, he is the best man, he is the thing-

Here Toni, without the least expectation on his part, suddenly found the tears have done you a lot of good." rolling down his cheeks. He laugh and "I never had any of Count Delorme's could not imagine what he was crying money!" burst out Toni. for and then his fellows all applauded him vociferously, and Toni sat down and softly. "What about the twenty-franc was not able to say another word. And plece?" then, when they were through with their erious box filled with ice and with longmade a speech quite out of his own head, and much better than Toni's, in which he assured Paul Verney of what he knew before-that his troop would die for him to a man. Paul returned thanks and declared that he was conscious of comnanding the finest troop in the French army, and then Lucie said a few pretty words of thanks and held up her arm with the great bracelet on it and showed that she had worn no other ornament except that and the bridegroom's gift. Then there were more cheers, more champagne, more of everything. It was many persons happy.

The very happlest person at the wedding, next to Paul and Lucie, was Mme. murdered-that's an ugly word to say, I became checker, hired by the union to Verney. That excellent woman was fully ent and voted at meetings of the mana- check the coal that came up and keep persuaded that by her efforts alone and Security and Trust admitted that the metic to keep the records of 600 miners which otherwise never would have taken while." game should be played over, offering no and check off their coal, and then check place. The relatives and friends of the "So you mean to waylay Lieut, Verney off with the company in tons so they Bernards were very grand people, indeed. as you did Count Delorme?" he asked. could settle with the miners. Also, I had but Paul had no reason to be ashamed

When the guests were all gone and bility, and it kept me straight and busy. nature, to their humbler friends from out. So we will play a game of cards The only time I had for baseball was their native town. Paul did Toni a very and the loser is finish up Lieut. Verney Saturday and Sunday afternoons. There good service by proclaiming before all or be finished up himself. That is quite I did not like the miner's life. It did assured them that he had become as

When the carriage drove off in the comfortably, and then Toni whispered to

more Chapter American Institute of Haute club. I reported to the team, a a feeling of happiness which had been Banking was scheduled months before, great big kid. I never had made a cent gradually growing on him ever since he it being the annual contest for the silver out of baseball. In fact, the only money had become a private soldier under Paul cup donated by one of the chapters and I ever had made outside of mining was Verney. This made him long to whistle was so anxious to earn that 50 cents the first sight that greeted him, as he Nicolas and Pierre in the ranks. Their

> Toni avoided them all day long as much as he could, and in the evening, being with her sitting on a bench in the public square while Mile. Duval read her in-Custis, a good fellow and well known. I rain coming on, he escorted his fiancee was winning all my games and he was and his future aunt-in-law to their lodglosing most of his, but the management ing, then walked down into the town to in town got up a petition with 600 sig- night had grown dark and stormy, and natures, threatening to boycott the club the rain had become a determined down-I never worked harder in the mines cafes, where the soldiers congregated,

were resplendent with lights. Toni was standing before one of these and debating whether he should go in, Lieut. Verney-well, we'll use it on youwhen he felt an arm on each side of him. He looked around and Nicolas' red head was close to his ear, while Pierre's monkey face was on the other side of

"Come," said Nicolas, "I know where have a game of cards."

Toni could easily have wrenched himself free from them, but his old coward- and groped his way to the door, Pierre ice returned to him with a rush. He went and Nicolas making no effort to stop twitched a little. sullenly with them under a moral compulsion which he could not have explained to save his life. He hated and do. feared their company; nevertheless, he went with them. They turned into a dark and narrow side street, and then, diving into a blind alley so dark and noisome that Toni's heart sank within not how, stumbling along through the

at the Chateau Bernard, which was at lighted by a malodorous oil lamp. It its loveliest in June, with its broad, was evidently a place of entertainment The manager of the Commercial Na- green terraces, its plashing fountains, for a low class of persons. There were tional Bank team, John Poole, was asked and the riot of color in its prim flower sounds of voices below them and next if he desired to reply to the statement beds. The guests sat at many little ta- them, but this room was unoccupied. of the American Security and Trust Com- bles on the broad terrace, where the bride There was a table in the middle of the

> of honor at the wedding ceremony. Their said, "than being locked up in prison wives and sweethearts were included, with the devil of a sentry keeping his and here Toni was the great man, second eye on one perpetually, and three days on

> > "We should not have been imprisoned

at all but for that scoundrel, Lieut. Ver-Toni made a speech which was a mar- ney. He has a spite against us, and "It's a lie," cried Toni. This aspersion

whole fortnight getting it by heart. But on their honor was not in the least reknew, as only they and God did, what "Well. Toni." Nicolas continued. "I

best master, he is the best of every- understand that you are to marry the sergeant's daughter. My faith, you look prosperous. Count Delorme's money must

"Who is lying now?" murmured Nicolas

breakfast, they saw the bride and groom yours, Toni," said Pierre. "I have never breakfast, they saw the bride and groom state, they saw they saw the bride and groom state, they saw t ing about her, and with nothing on her He drew off and went through a pantowreath. Paul carried his helmet with side of the head. Nicolas, likewise preits horse-hair plume in his hand, and the tending, tumbled over in his chair as sun shone on this happy sunburned face Count Delorme had fallen over in the as he led Lucie to where their humble dark at the Chateau Bernard. It made friends were making merry. Toni had Toni sick to see them. They laughed, friends were making merry. Toni had after they had gone through with this the practice march was to begin, and Toni sorrowfully. mimic tragedy, and began to drink their necked bottles, and champagne was soon wine. Then they again abused Paul Verbubbling in every glass. The sergeant ney, and Toni said nothing. He scorned to defend his friend from two such scoundrels as those before him and he "Toni, we might as well tell you the truth. Lieut. Verney is to die.'

To die! Paul, so full of life, so happy, only resterday married! He saw Paul's smiling face as he waived his hand back to Toni when he drove off in the open carriage with Lucie, through the golden dusk on the June evening. But he did not quite take in what Nicolas meant. a very happy wedding because it made heard, my man, of officers who abused "Yes," said Pierre, "have you never

and ill-treated their men, who were found dead like Count Delorme?-I won't say Nicholas and Pierre. gers, held as late as June 16, and at this the accounts of the men. I hadn't much single-handed, she had brought about of men—it's just as well to make an exmeeting the representative of American schooling, but was forced to study arith-

"No, indeed, my dear fellow," briskly responded Nicolas. "It will be quite a different affair from that little one of yours. It must have developed me rapidly, for only the family remained, Toni requested We mean to kill him, however, but we the responsibility was a heavy one to Paul to let the party from Bienville, will try our chances among the three of on June 7, as at that time the only official throw into a kid. I had to fire grown consisting of himself and the Duvals, us. We don't care to take the whole of the league who had knowledge of the men who were back in their dues, and speak to the Bienville persons present- risk ourselves, and I think, considering resignation was the secretary, who was the least signal from me that the managers were not paying right, meant a Paul very gladly did. The Ravenels and affair of yours in the park of the Chastrike of 700 men. I felt this responsi- the Verneys were very kind, as was their teau Bernard that you ought to help us

used an ineligible player, as charged, the all had teams. I have walked time and presence, that Toni was the best fellow Pierre nodded and grinned. Toni sat again eight to ten miles and back to alive and the sergeant was doing well to boking at them stupidly by the light of play games. I was a catcher and third betroth his daughter to such an excellent the oil lamp. He took in instantly what baseman on the team, and showed so fellow. This was accepted by the Blen- they meant-they intended that he much skill at the game that pretty soon ville people because on that glorious day should kill Paul Verney or else be killed curity and Trust Company was not given the miners would hire a man in my place everything went well. They could not himself. Nicolas took out of his pocket

"What shall it be-ecarte?" "As you please," responded Pierre. Toni would have given his soul almost to have rushed out of the room, but he was Toni still as boy and man. He

had been cowed and enslaved by certain strange fears which many persons exercised over him, and these scoundrels in particular. He thought of himself as murdered by these wretches, who, he knew, would do it with as little compunction as they would wring the neck of a chicken. He thought of Denise, of Paul Verney, and he was overwhelmed with sorrow for them and pity for himhis. He was in a horrible dream, but he retained enough of his faculties to know how the game was going. Nicolas and Pierre were quite cheerful and they squabbled merrily over the game and

took all the tricks. When they had finished, Nicolas slapped Toni on the back and said jovially: "Well, my man, you have got the

Toni made no reply. He was too frightened to speak, and then Nicolas,

suddenly growing perfectly serious, said: "You know we begin our practice marches in about a fortnight. Now, on our first practice march you are to be came between me and a pitcher named evitable religious newspaper, a drizzle of ill and drop out of the ranks-see?—when the lieutenant is riding by the side of the troop where he can see you, and you and asked, "What is it?" must select a place where there is a thicket in which a man's body can be hid from the observation of the people passing by. Now, when the lieutenant comes back to see what is the matter with you, it will be quite easy-he will the gloom, but the windows of the cheap be completely off his guard-an thenyou had better do it with a knife-s knife makes no noise, you know, and if you don't know how to use a knife on

that's all-and on Lieut. Verney later." Toni's arms dropped by his side and he uttered a low groan. What folly ever had thrown him with these men-what kill you afterward themselves." madness was his not to have come out and told the truth about Count Delomre! we can get a good bottle of wine and And now his life must pay the penalty for it, and just as it was growing so sweet to him. He staggered to his feet him. They saw that they had fully impressed him with what they meant to

# CHAPTER XIX.

Toni got back to the barracks, he knew could be committed there, they climbed on his rough bed lay awake and agon- stood Jacques.

eat that whole day nor sleep the next sandy hair. that day he saw Nicolas and Pierre a about it-how it happened." dozen times at least, and they always "It is about Count Delorme," said Toni, flashed him a mocking glance which he gasping between his sentences. "You understood perfectly well and which gave know, Paul, I always was a coward him a feeling as if a red-hot iron hand about most things." were clutching at his heart, for Toni

was of an imaginative nature.

a rickety outside stair by the side of a en night. The next morning it occurred and make me keep watch and help to tumble-down old house. Toni found him- to him, as a means of escaping Denise's carry off the stolen things. I was fright-There was a large wedding breakfast self presently in a garret room, dimly tender and searching eyes, as well as the ened to death at what they made me do hateful company of Pierre and Nicolas, -too frightened to refuse to go with from the pen of Jimmy Isaminger, of the that he might possibly sham illness and them. I never knew of their killing any- Philadelphia North American: be sent to the hospital. He did not body, except Count Delorme, but that need to sham, however-he was in a night they waylaid him in the dark, high fever and the surgeon swore at him I swear to you-oh! God, I swear for not reporting before, so he found a to you a million times -I never den patent, temporary haven of refuge in the hos- touched Count Delorme. I thought they De Witt Van Cless is the name of a pital. There he spent several days. The were going to rob him only-I did not new Tri-State League umpire, and not loctor, who was a clever young fellow, dream they were going to kill him. But the author of the latest novel. the Bankers' League when seen yesterday pressing his indignation at the action of very gorgeous one in the mindle, just by with reference to the article published ex- Mr. Kenyon, declined to be interviewed, the fountain, which sparkled brilliantly Pierre, pouring out some of the wine, was a good deal puzzled by the case. He he resisted when they tried to get his Lemon growers of Italy are undecided could not make out whether Toni was money, and Nicolas struck him a blow on just what they want to exhibit at the malingering or not. He evidently wished and he fell over. And they put a twenty- Panama Exposition. Why not try Marto be considered ill—at the same time franc piece in my pocket and swore that quard and Blackburne? there were indications about him of his I had killed him and robbed him. Then reputation of being an admirable sol- so, when I was conscripted, I could have Mack paid \$12,000 for Lefty Russell. dier, the doctor would have suspected got off because I was the only son of a Cy Morgan is a good base stealer, but Toni had done something wrong, and widow, but I thought if I were in the doesn't get on enough to prove it.

nothing was the matter with Toni.

rious the matter with him, but it was a greatest coward." against the rules to disturb him.

in the last respect than might have been and make the best of my way off. Of game every day?" thought were due to his recent illness.

bride-the honeymoon of a sublicutenant him. Paul Verney, who was as quiet as ing in the barracks square.

The regiment marched out with colors back some time." flying to do a practice march of two inscrutable fear of them nailed him to head of his troop. He was a fine horse- is all my fault." man and had a good military air, and The ghost of a smile came into Paul from the Athletics. everything about him was spick and Verney's face. span as becomes an officer.

got a good look at Paul as he cantered so you can't help yourself."

dusty highroad, their helmets gleaming people ran out to see them, and cheered them as they passed. The day was distress either the men or the horses. They kept on steadly until noon, when there was an hour of rest and refresh- may look to hear from me. Toni, have ment. Again they took up the line of you no shame at being such a cowrad?" march. A cool breeze was blowing and o'clock, as they were passing the out- that other people are afraid of." skirts of a wood, Toni put his hand to Paul inspected Toni in wrath and sorhis head and reeled in his saddle. His row. He was the identical Toni that had up and caught Toni by the arm.

and water out of his canteen, and said: thrashing frightened Toni out of his 'You will be all right in ten minutes," wits. and rode on.

Ten minutes passed, and twenty, and of being murdered scare him! Yet if thirty. The regiment was out of sight. Toni had been driven into the forlorn Toni's troop was a part of the rear hope-"the last children" as the French guard. The dull echo of thousands of picturesquely put it-he would have behoofs still resounded afar off, but all haved as well as any man in it. else was quiet in that shaded woody Paul Verney looked around him at the spot, with farm-houses basking in the smiling, peaceful landscape basking in sun, the highroad gleaming whitely, and the afternoon light, and thought of Lucie self, for he understood that he must die. of steel-blue light in the distance. Toni, tising her music at that hour, and then with his helmet off, and his horse she would go for her afternoon ride with browsing quietly near him, sat on the only a groom to accompany her. He ground under the shade with the glaring would be absent from her for two whole midday light around him, and waited for days, and Lucie had spent a week in Paul Verney, who he knew would return. devising schemes for getting rid of the No lieutenant in the regiment looked so time. Paul was as much in love with closely after his men as he. Presently her as she was with him, but it Commercial League to Play Off the Toni heard the galloping of a horse and never occurred to him that there was the rattling of a saber in its scabbard, any difficulty in getting rid of the and there was Paul riding up. He swung time during his absence from herhimself off his horse and came up to he had his work to do, and he meant

"I came back to see what was the matter with you. I thought you would have rejoined by this time." Toni made no reply, but raised his black eyes to Paul's blue ones and they

were so full of misery that Paul invol-

untarily put his hand on Toni's shoulder Toni tried to speak, but the words would not come. Paul, putting his hand in his breast, drew out a small flask of brandy and poured the best part of it down Toni's throat.

"Now," he said, "tell me what it is Toni's vocabulary was not extensive and he hunted around in his mind for language to express the horror of what he was suffering, but he could only find the simplest words.

scoundrels-have ordered me to kill you. They say if I don't they will kill me and There was a silence for a minute or two after this. Paul knew very well that Toni was

"Nicolas and Pierre-," he said, "those

neither drunk nor crazy, and he grasped at once all that Toni meant. His face "So they want to put me out of the

way-what for?"

"Because they think you are responsible for their being in trouble so much. They are desperate men, Paul." Toni

ized the whole night through until the Paul took his heimet off and let the able look-a look with murder in it. Toni bugle call next morning. He could not cool breeze blow on his close-cropped had his chance, and Paul Verney had

night and pined like a woman. During "Come, now," he said, "tell me all

"Yes, I know." "And when I was in the circus those He did not see Denise that day, and two rascals used to take me with them spent another sleepless and horror-strick- sometimes on their robbing expeditions

was in hiding, as it were, in the hospital. army I might escape them and I meant | Catcher Schmidt, of Detroit, has pat-The sergeant called to see him and was then to hunt for you and to tell you all ented a nut lock for railroad ties. Odd rather rough with him, considering that about it. And I thought I had escaped he didn't try to patent some device to them-oh! how happy I was-but they keep the Detroits from skidding down in "Do you think I would lie here and turned up as you know and I have not the race. take all these nasty messes if there were had a moment's peace since. Two weeks nothing the matter with me?" cried poor ago they forced me to go with them-There was indeed something very se- Paul indignantly. "Toni, you are the

kind of suffering which not all the doc- "I know it," replied Toni. "I always tor's instruments and medicines could was. And they told me that they meant League has to break in Pittsburg is durreach. Denise, with her aunt, called to kill you and we played a game of cards ing the world's series. twice to see him, but both times Toni to determine whether they should do it feigned to be asleep as soon as he dis- or I-I-think of it! Of course I lost, and tinguished their voices, and it was they promised me if I did not kill you that I should be killed. And they told me the Mack pitching. A week passed on the second morning to drop out of the ranks and that you of which he found a long, sharp knife would come after me, and they put this under his pillow, and at the end of that knife where I could find it." Toni drew time the doctor turned Toni out of the it from his bosom. It was an ordinary cospital, much against the latter's will. table knife, but of well-tempered steel and Artha'. "That was certainly a very neat job of He had then to resume his duties, of as sharp as a razor. "And I was to kill

dark hair except her wedding veil and being Nicolas a blow on the dark hair except her wedding veil and Nicolas a blow on the weakness and lassitude which she caught and guillotined, but what did they ball plant in the league, a crack groundexpected, and Denise only saw in him course, I should, I should have been care about that?" On the day fortnight after Paul Ver- Toni turned and threw the inife as far ney's wedding, he returned with his as he could into the bosky thicket behind

> Toni did not see Paul Verney until the "I think I can get rid of those two rapnext morning, when the troop was form- sallions in time," he said, "get them sent of the sacrifice hit, much to the delight

"That's what I know," said Toni. "We

"No," he answered, "not exactly your

along by the side of the troopers and a "And we are both so happy," cried look of affectionate intelligence flashed Toni, and at this he burst into lee, of St. Louis. We always thought that between the two young men. Toni saw that a passion of tears, sobbing as he had a competent enough suds absorber Paul was truly happy—he was, in fact, always happy when performling his mil- boy and his mother had the rheumatism itary duties, because he was a born sol- and he thought she was going to die. human ailments, Lou Criger, the sick man dier, apt at obedience and ready at com- Paul turned his back and walked up and of baseball, has the appendicitis. mand. In the same file with Toni rode down in front of Toni for a minute or Old Cy Young won his 500th big league two, and when he spoke his voice was

"Yes," he said, "we are both very son is closed. in the sun and the steady tramp of their happy, or would be except for those like a pillar of cloud by day. Crowds of shall certainly keep it from my wife." it's no easy thing to throw the ball with "You may be able to," replied poor a bad ankle.

Toni, "because you are brave and selfam likely to let it out any time." "If you do," s'aid Paul sternly, "you

"Not a bit," replied Toni. "As you say, it was as pleasant a June day as one I was born that way. I am not afraid most everything at Broad and Huntingdon could wish for marching. Toward 2 of horses nor of guns, nor of anything streets this season except good baseball.

horse kept on steadily in the ranks. It enjoyed a ride on the runaway horse, was very well simulated, and Paul rode and was cowed and terrified by the laughs and jeers of a couple of the tailor | Old Boy..... The Follies... "You had better drop out," he said. Clery's boys, either of whom he was and rest a while by the roadside and perfectly well able to thrash if he had rejoin when you feel better." Toni wished. Paul Verney was not, physicaltouched his cap and said: "Thank you, ly, half the man that Toni was, but not sir," and, slipping out of his saddle, led all the five Clery boys, with their father his horse to a grassy place under a tree, at their head, could have frightened him where he sat down and mopped his face. when he was a very small boy himself. He looked quite pale and weak, but the Paul would have taken a thrashing from surgeon, when he rode up, gave him a them one day and be ready to repeat it sharp look, made him drink some wine the next, but the mere thought of a

How much more, then, did the thought

to do it well, nor dtd he let the thought of Lucie interfere in the least with his duty. He had cheerfully given hand promptly at 8 o'clock. The Anthat promise demanded of all lovers that drews nine and the Berry & Whitmore he would tell Lucie everything. As he tribe will play off one of the postponed had nothing to tell her of the least harm or of the least consequence, he had taking any chances on going stale before laughingly made the promise. But now meeting Andrews in the deciding contest there was something he must conceal of the season, for to-day at 5:30 o'clock from her; something, the mere thought they will meet the strong Post-office nine of which would blight that merry, beau- on the White Lot. tiful, rose-in-bloom life that Lucie was leading; something which, if it ever came to pass, would blight it altogether.

Paul pulled himself together and turned his mind, as he had the power to do. resolutely away from the grisly probability presented to him.

sequndrels out of the way, and I will; so take another pull out of this brandy

Toni did as he was told, and was soon galloping at Paul Verney's heels. The thought of Denis; was before him He knew that some time he should tell hergrew pale and his blond mustache he could not keep it from her—and what went to the third establishment. There would Denise say, and what would she he found his umbrella awaiting him. do?-be scared as he was? Presently they found themselves in the cloud of on returning home "they were more hondust which enveloped the regiment and est at the last place than at the other Teni made his way to his place at the stores. end of the file, Paul Verney cantering used Paul's name unconsciously, but he past. As Toni reined up he looked around was thinking then of Paul as he had the file and saw the red mustache and known him years ago, an apple-cheeked ferret-like eyes of Nicolas peering out him at the thought of the crimes that rain and darkness, and throwing himself boy who understood him and even under- along the line of mustached and helmeted heads. Nicolas gave him an indescrib-

come back unarmed. That night in the bivouac Nicolas and Pierre came up to Yoni and Nicolas whispered in his ear;

"You have two more chances-we will give you three opportunities all togeth-Toni said not a word in reply. He only wondered dumbly how much of life

that meant for him. TO BE CONTINUED TO-MORROW.

### BITS OF SPORT GOSSIP.

The following side lights on sports are

There is no truth in the rumor that Mat Kilroy's place is licensed under the Sel-

Although he is a green colt, and has being really ill. If he had not had the I determined to get away from them and never been driven to a mark, Connis

According to Chicago players, the star Forced you to go with them!" said League club is not Hal Chase, but the member of the New York American signal tipper

> Those Pittsburg rumors were unfounded. The only chance the American

> Coombs and Morgan have examined their contracts to see whether there is a clause in them obligating them to do all Mr. Duffy's Son are not only hitless wonders, but witless wonders as well.

All over the country they are digging up hopes of the white race to nettle Li'l Question for Johnny Evers, the cor-

keeper, courteous ticket sellers, and a

punk team. Those Phillies are mixing the bitter is inevitably brief. The very next day a lamb and as brave as a lion, looked at to authentic reports, they are still in the with the sweet out West, but according eague.

Manager Griffith, of Cincinnati, is a foe to Algiers. but they will have to come of Messrs. Chance, McGraw and Clarke. We don't know whether Mr. Rawn was longed to get away, but that strange and days' duration. Paul was riding at the are under sentence of death, Paul, and it do know that Boston and New York would look better a little further away

> Catcher Kling is organizing a National Three-Cushion Billiard League just in Toni, who was at the end of the file, fault, Toni. You were born that way order to be in something that the national ommission can't interfere with

Manager McGraw is after Pitcher Sal-Having cleaned up everything else in

celebrate his 500th defeat before the sea-

"Big Ed" Sweeney has been catching horses' hoofs sounding like thunder on the wretches. But, Toni, you must keep with a lame ankle, but his throwing is highroad, and raising a great white dust every hint of this from Denise, and I as good as ever."-Dispatch. Wonderful;

It's tough for Ban Johnson that the suit bright and warm, but not hot enough to possessed, but you know how I am. I of John M. Ward can't be decided by the national commission. Those moving pictures certainly moved

some in this city last week. They are going to have boxing bouts at the Phillies' park. They have tried al-

# RACING CARDS FOR TO-DAY.

Empire City. FIRST RACE-Five and one-half furlongs. Leah..... Stalwart Lad.. game ...... en Lasca.. FIFTH RACE-Five and one-half furlongs. e and a furlong.

# MEETING ON TO-NIGHT.

A meeting will be called to-night at R. P. Andrews', 627 Louisiana avenue, in order to arrange a schedule for the playing off of the postponed games. Man-

# The Professor Knew.

An absent-minded German professor attached to a university in Washington discovered the other day that he had left his umbrella somewhere. As he had "Toni," said he, "don't think about this visited three stores, he thought it must thing. I believe I can get these two be in one of them, so he started back and called at all three in turn.

"No umbrella has been found here," flask and get on your horse and follow the professor was told in the first store. The German shrugged his shoulders and went out.

> At the next store the same respon was made; whereupon the professor shrugged his shoulders once more, and "I must say," said he to his family

> > TEXAS LEAGUE.

At Houston—Dallas, 6; Houston, 1,
At San Antonio—Fort Worth, 3; San Antonio, 0,
At Galveston—Galveston, 2; Shreveport, 3,
At Waon—Waon, 10; Oklahoma City, 10 (twelve
innings; darkness).